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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF AN APPLICATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Re: Inventor: Fulvio ARECCO, et al.  
Serial No: 09/750,311  
Filed: December 29, 2000  
For: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION RING NETWORK

SIR:

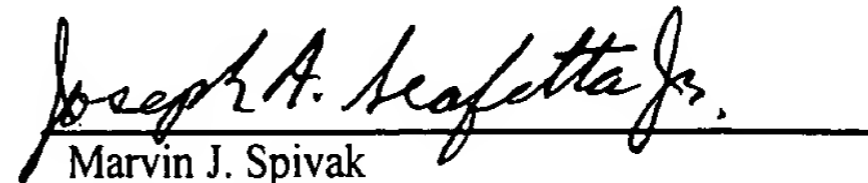
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month)  
Notice to File Missing Parts  
Filing of Declaration/Declaration**

Our check in the amount of \$434.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$324.
  - \$324 for 33 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 324.

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

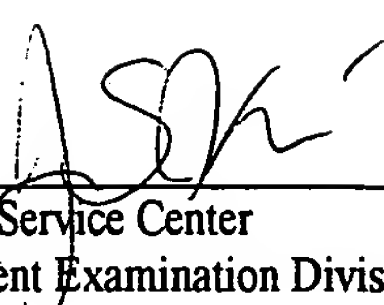
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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Responsive to the notification dated February 16, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. Attached is a check any amount of \$324.00 dollars to cover the fee for additional claims over 20.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph A. Scafetta, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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